

## BUTWELL'S RIDE FEATURE OF DAY

Makes Wonderful Stretch Drive  
and Puts Mount Over  
a Winner.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 20.—One of the features of today's races at Monrovia was Butwell's ride on Harvey F. in the second race. This boy made a wonderful stretch drive, and put the horse over a winner at the price of 12 to 1, and the bookmakers fared nicely as both Bou and Fulfill were very heavily played. The ride of Butwell and not the horse was responsible for the victory. Butwell put up another good ride when he won the fourth race on Rostrum, this horse being the heavily played favorite. Summaries:

First race, five and a half furlongs, purse—Miss Sly, 109 (King), 6 to 5, first; Ferraro, 109 (Whiting), 8 to 1, second; Gipsy, 104 (Nicol), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:12 1-5.

Second race, six furlongs, selling—Harvey F., 109 (Butwell), 12 to 1, first; Fulfill, 105 (Mugrave), 4 to 1, second; Bou, 109 (Ural), 7 to 10, third. Time, 1:15 1-5.

Third race, six furlongs, selling—Rubin Grey, 104 (Obert), 6 to 1, first; Tattulant, 107 (Troxler), 6 to 1, second; Joe Rose, 108 (G. Burns), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:12 2-5.

Fourth race, seven furlongs, purse—Rostrum, 109 (Butwell), even, first; Waponeca, 104 (Page), 8 to 1, second; Joe Rose, 108 (G. Burns), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:22 2-5.

Fifth race, one mile, selling—Dr. Holberg, 92 (Johnson), 7 to 10, first; St. Joseph, 105 (Hagen), 5 to 5, second; Ragman, 99 (J. Reid), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:46.

Sixth race, one mile and a sixteenth, selling—Golconda, 106 (King), 7 to 2, first; Billy Pullman, 108 (G. Burns), 12 to 1, second; Elfall, 109 (Troxler), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:54 2-5.

Thrilling Finish.—TAMPA, FLA., December 20.—Thrilling finishes characterized today's racing, the proverbial blanket being all necessary space for covering the six horses as they finished in the last race, and the judges had a hard time singling out the winner.

A nose finish between Bannock Bob and Descomets in the fourth brought the large audience to its feet. The card to-day was the most attractive of the meeting. Summaries:

First race, three-year-olds and up, five furlongs—McAndrews, 99 (Burton), 6 to 2, first; Gordon Lee, 109 (Murrphy), 6 to 1, second; Birdseye, 109 (Irvin), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:05 4-5.

Second race, two-year-olds, five and a half furlongs—T. M. Irvin, 97 (Burton), 5 to 2, first; Merman, 105 (Lavelle), 3 to 1, second; Acolin, 100 (Reilly), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:12.

Third race, three-year-olds and up, five furlongs—Joe Rose, 108 (Moun-tain), 2 to 1, first; Bobby Cook, 95 (Cole), 10 to 1, second; Malcom, 109 (Davenport), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:04 3-5.

Fourth race, mile, selling—Bannock Bob, 109 (Jackson), 3 to 2, first; Descomets, 109 (Boland), even, second; Grenade, 112 (Glasner), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:45.

Fifth race, mile, selling—Orlando, 111 (Mountain), 4 to 5, first; Cassowary, 105 (Reilly), 8 to 1, second; Elysium, 102 (Davenport), 3 to 3, third. Time, 1:49 2-5.

Sixth race, six furlongs, selling—Alice Mack, 107 (Green), 3 to 1, first; Bonebrake, 105 (Koerner), 4 to 1, second; The Clown, 107 (Burton), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:18.

WILL NOT PLAY WITH LYNCHBURG

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 20.—Owen Jackson, outfielder and general utility player, and Billy Ross, catcher of the 1909 Shamblers, have been released, and they will not play in the Virginia League next season, for their

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It is learned that Jackson held out for a salary that the association could not pay, and remain in the salary limit, which has been fixed again at \$1,700 per month. The same condition prevails with Ross, whose record here last year was rather off, on account of a number of accidents and some illness. As a batter, however, he was one of the best in the league, and it was expected some time ago that he would be brought back for a trial at first base.

## AMUSEMENTS.

Bijou—"Daredevil Dan"

Dan Wins the Girl.

With nothing in the way of an orchestra except a lone piano operated by a lone, non-union woman, "Daredevil Dan," a Western melodrama, generously with a catchy music and songs, opened a week's engagement at the Bijou last night. The dearth of accompaniment was sadly apparent in the poorer voices, which included the chorus, and added nothing to the pleasing effect of the good work by Ray Raymond and Clara Louise Cassan, who were surely the best.

The audience, which understood the exigencies of the occasion, was inclined to be generous, and gave the production a reception that should be satisfactory, certainly under the circumstances. The scenery and costumes came up to what has been previously said of Raymond and his company.

The character and make-up of the company is much truer than the average aggregation of its kind. It is Wild West through and through, with the exception of Lord Percival Wind-coop Leasing, Piccadilly, London, who adds no little to the funny side.

According to the rule adopted for most melodramas, "Daredevil Dan" gets his reward, which is the girl. The villain is overthrown, and it ends, as all good melodramas should, with the hero operating of many base crimes and safe in the arms of the girl for whom he has "dared all." With a usual Monday night audience as the criterion, there seems to be no reason to think that the show should not get an average run, despite the fact that there is but one person in the orchestra.

Richmond Boys Dance. Arranged and staged by themselves, Fitzhugh Sheld and Earl Root, both Richmond boys, last night introduced at the Lubin Theatre one of the most pleasing sketches seen at that house since its doors were opened to the public. For months they have delighted audiences in various Richmond playhouses, but have declined offers to enter professional ranks, preferring rather to exert their efforts as ama-

teurs, or else in taking part in entertainments given for charity purposes. Sheld and Root are both expert clog dancers. They sang a song between times that did not fail to win applause. The boys have not had the benefit of professional coaching, but they have proved adept in the art of catching inspiration from actors whom they have seen work, and their finished performance in the beginning of a professional career indicates that they will be heard from in the future as stars of vaudeville. Sheld and Root were engaged for the one night, but when Manager Galeski realized that he had made a find, he telegraphed the management in Philadelphia that he had secured a team capable of making good. They will be seen at the Lubin at matinee and night performances this week.

## NEW PRESIDENT ASSUMES DUTIES

NEW YORK, December 20.—Thomas J. Lynch, the new president of the National League, assumed his duties this morning. All Lynch would say was that he was in favor of upholding the umpires in their decisions, and that he was glad he is to have the co-operation of John Heydler.

That the election of Lynch to the presidency has restored harmonious relations between the National and American Leagues is evidenced by the statement given out to-night by John M. Ward, who was the candidate for those opposed to the election of Lynch.

The attitude of B. E. Johnson, president of the American League, Mr. Ward said:

"The election of Mr. Lynch as president of the National League was a happy solution of the situation, and was a capable umpire, and is a high-class man. He has a mind of his own, and will have something to say about the business of the National Commission. With him, as a member of that body, the baseball interests of the country may rest assured that their affairs will not be conducted in barrooms and cafes."

## TIGERS FORFEIT GAME IN CUBA

HAVANA, December 20.—A baseball game was scheduled for to-day between the Americans and Almendares teams. A great crowd went to the grounds, but the American team failed to appear. Instead, they went aboard the steamer for Key West, alleging unfair treatment by Manager McAllister. Hoffman, one of the players, was arrested on his way to the dock, charged by McAllister with violation of contract. He was arraigned before the provincial governor, who immediately discharged him in default of evidence. The whole team then sailed.

## AMERICAN WOMAN GUILTY OF SLANDER

Condemned at Turin to Serve Four Months' Imprisonment.

PARIS, December 20.—A woman of thirty-five, calling herself Maud Van Santvoord and declaring that she is a cousin of Theodore Roosevelt, has been condemned at Turin to four months' imprisonment on conviction of defamation of character and slander. Miss Van Santvoord says her home is in New York. Her accusers were Chevalier Montanari, a major of cavalry, and his wife, who was Miss Elena Day, of Boston. The main telegrams that, in the judgment of the court, the crime of writing grossly insulting and threatening letters to Signora Montanari was fastened on Miss Van Santvoord, and the motive was envy of the conjugal happiness of Montanari and his wife.

Some of the letters purported to emanate from a woman who had been united to Montanari by a religious, though not by a civil, marriage, and were signed with the name Giulietta Montanari. They charged him with abandonment and declared that she was living in misery and was sworn to avenge herself. The writer threatened to kill Montanari's youngest child because it bore a resemblance to him, and also to throw vitriol on Signora Elena Montanari. Handwritten experts gave the opinion that the letters were written by Miss Van Santvoord. She, however, refused to confess and made a most energetic defense.

Among the curious passages in the letters was one saying that Italian men could not have two wives in their own country, as American men could. The prisoner is said to have feigned not to understand questions put to her that were unfavorable to her, but answered promptly enough those which could serve her claim to innocence. The public of Turin apparently believe her guilty. The trial lasted two days.

Drunk Relationship. NEW YORK, December 20.—Mrs. Edward Reeve Merritt, of 7 East Fifty-third Street, who before her marriage was Miss Lella Roosevelt, said, for the Roosevelt family, that Miss Maud Van Santvoord was not a relative of the family, and that neither the late Robert B. Roosevelt nor any other of the members of the family had ever mentioned her in any way.

## Great African Potentate Said to Be Dead



**Meetings.**  
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the stockholders of the National State Bank, Richmond, Va., will be held in its banking house on TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1910, at 12 o'clock.  
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**BOMB EXPLOSION  
IMPERILS LIVES**  
Hundreds Rush from Tenement House in Night Attire.

**BLACK HAND IS SUSPECTED**  
Police Enter Wrecked Building, but Find No Clue.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Hundreds of excitable denizens of the lower East Side, where the extortionists masquerade under the name of Black Hand, were brought shrieking down the stairways in night attire early this morning, when a tremendous explosion in the five-story double-decked tenement at 27 Prince Street shook the adjoining blocks and started the inhabitants into the belief that they were all in imminent danger of death.

Some time during the night a would-be assassin had stolen unobserved into the hallway of the tenement and had carefully placed a bomb, exactly in front of the door leading to the dining-room in the apartments of Domenico Ambrose, who lives on the second floor with his wife and four children. Michael Desando, who runs a barber-shop in the west store of the two on the ground floor, also lives with his family on the second floor, and it is believed by the police that the bomb was meant for Desando and not for Ambrose, and was placed by mistake in the position where it exploded.

**Twelve Families in Peril.**  
In all, twelve families were sleeping on the four upper floors when the shock of the bomb awakened them. In the west store of the ground floor is situated the counting house of the French and Italian Exchange and Loan Bureau.

The bomb was fitted out with a time fuse, for a five-inch length of fuse was picked up after the turmoil had somewhat subsided. Some arrangement to delay the instant explosion in order to give the marauder, or marauders, time to escape would also appear to be indicated by the fact that no one was seen running from the scene of the explosion, despite the fact that four policemen were within half a block when the heavy crash was heard.

**Wild Dash Follows Explosion.**  
When the explosion occurred the tenants made a wild dash to the street. Furniture and trunks were hurled out the windows, and many of the excited tenants began firing their revolvers. The entire neighborhood was aroused when the police reserves came from Mulberry Street and from Elizabeth Street.

One of the first tenants to rush to the street was Desando. He had costly diamonds pinned to his night clothes, showing that he kept his valuables by him even in his sleep.  
Desando is an uncle of Antonio S. Scletta, the six-year-old boy who was kidnapped by Black Hand men three years ago. The kidnapers demanded a ransom of \$1,000. The child was found in Chatham Square seven weeks after he was stolen, and his father declared he had not paid a cent of ransom.

**Wrecks the Hallway.**  
After the excitement had quieted down the police entered the building. They found that the hallway of the second floor had been wrecked, and a great hole had been torn in the floor, so that one standing near the rent could get a good view of the rear of the barber shop and the hallway on the first floor. Although the building was badly damaged, no one had been injured.

An attempt to burn the same building was made about two weeks ago. Oil was poured through the hall and stairs and streamers of oil-soaked paper ran from the ceiling to the roof. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done, but the police decided to keep a sharp watch on the house.

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Supervisors Confer.

ATLANTA, GA., December 20.—Census su-

perisors of Georgia, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee met in conference here to-day, with E. Dana Durand, director of census, and William C. Hunt, statistician of population. Between thirty-five and forty supervisors attended. Details of the work of gathering the census were discussed.

Officers Destroy Blockade Still.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., December 20.—Revenue officers destroyed a big copper blockade plant in Yadkin county to-day. They report much "moon shining" in the mountain sections of North Carolina and Virginia. Two officers stated this afternoon that they expected to destroy two or three plants this week.

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